

BETCHTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 15 MARCH 2018 AT 7.30 PM AT ST PHILIP'S CHURCH, HASSALL GREEN

PRESENT

Councillor W Brown, Chairman; Councillors L Barber, J Batchelor, B Colclough, S Hollinshead, R Moss and A Sweeney;
Ralph Bason, Clerk;
Cheshire East Councillor J Wray

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bradley and Gardiner

41. MINUTES

The Parish Council approved the minutes of the meeting held on 18 January 2018 as a correct record.

42. CO-OPTON OF COUNCILLOR

The Council agreed to co-opt Lisa Barber to the Parish Council.

43. BUS SERVICES

Mr R Minton from Cheshire East Council was in attendance and answered questions from the Council and members of the public regarding the change in bus services in the area; specifically those present were concerned about the loss of bus services to the centre of Hassall Green and of Day Green (in the parish of Hassall).

Mr Minton explained the background to the changes; the of the previous bus provider and the withdrawal of commercial services by another.

Mr Minton agreed, on behalf of Cheshire Council to consider the representations received.

The Council thanked Mr Minton for his attendance and agreed to continue to ask the bus company and the council to extend the new routes to the village centre and to Day Green, including the idea of using the triangle at Roughwood Lane as a means for buses to turn around.

44. FINANCE

a) The Council noted the Current Account Balance of £7,599.92 and Deposit Account of £1814.15 at 28 February 2018

b) The Council approved the following payments:

Clerk's Salary: 2 months @ £116.57 = £233.14

Clerk's expenses: Travel: £24.00 (to post notices and to attend meeting);

Postage: £1.95; Printer toner: £24.99

Zurich Insurance £257.60

Cheshire Association of Local Councils - £191.88

St Philip's Church (hall hire) - £150.00

45. PLANNING

(a) The Council considered outline application 18/0665C for a dwelling to replace a mobile home at the Caravan Park, Newcastle. It was agreed that there be no objection subject to the planning authority be informed that the

Council was concerned that the curtilage of the proposed development seemed to encroach on the highway.

(b) The Clerk reported that applications 18/0273C – extension at Inglenook, Smithy Grove had been approved

46. DIVERSION OF FOOTPATH AND BRIDLEWAYS AT ARCLID QUARRY

The Council considered a proposal to divert a footpath and bridleways at Arclid quarry to enable further sand excavations to take place and it was agreed that Cheshire East Council be informed that the Council had no objection to the proposal.

47. NEWCASTLE ROAD

The Clerk would ask the Highway authority to investigate and deal with moles that were undermining the verge.

48. FOOTPATH 18

Councillor Colclough reported that she had arranged with the landowners for the installation of three kissing gates along the path.

49. NEWSLETTER

It was agreed that consideration be given to the production of a newsletter to inform residents of the parish of local events.

50. SPEEDING IN HASSALL GREEN

Councillor Moss reported on the Police's response to reports of speeding through the village.

51. WEBSITE AND INTERNET AVAILABILITY

Councillor Sweeney reported that the website was currently out of action and that communication was being made via the council's Facebook pages. Issues around broadband speed in the parish were discussed.

52. ALSAGER REFUSE AND RECYCLING CENTRE

Councillor Barber reported concerns regarding the reduced opening times for the Alsager centre and Councillor Wray agreed to take this matter up with the council.

53. ALSAGER ROAD

After hearing about continuing concerns about the condition of the road between the motorway and the brook it was agreed that this be reported to the Highway Authority.